

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD**  
**MINUTES**  
**Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities**  
**January 7, 2019**  
**7:00PM Town Hall, Room 217**

1. Call meeting to order
  - a. Meeting commenced at 7:12pm
  - b. Members present: Andrew Kellogg, Mary Silverberg, Nicholas Delaney, Joe Kolczynski, Edward Shaham, Rebecca Hajosy, Suzanne Oslander, department of Social Services and ADA coordinator
  - c. Members absent: Kelley Fournier
2. Minutes of November 19, 2018 were amended to reflect the following;
  - a. The date of the June meeting was corrected to June 24, 2019
  - b. Human and Leisure Services should now read Social Services.
3. Guest Speaker: Greg Priest, West Hartford Fire Chief
  - Issues for people with disabilities;
    1. Special needs registry
    2. Investigating dispatcher software to alert first responders in vehicles.
    3. Additional Issues of discussion;
      - Education for Station House Commanders
      - The legal requirements for use of sirens and their possible effect on persons on the autism spectrum.
      - Community outreach for awareness of special needs registry.
      - File of Life for people with special needs.
4. Staff Report (Suzanne Oslander – Town ADA Coordinator)
  - A special election will be held to fill the seat vacated by Senator Beth Bye. Commission members should use accessible voting to review ease of access.

5. Old Business

- AIRA update (Edward)  
Edward Shaham and Martha Church will continue discussions regarding implementation in town libraries and possibly other town facilities.
- Recruitment of new commission members  
Several people have expressed interest.

6. Adjournment 8:15 PM – next meeting date: March 11, 2019 Rm 407 at 7:00 PM

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